



Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG)

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Mr. J.D. Hickey, M.D.
Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Hickey:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to amend the new home and community-Based services (HCBS) self-determination waiver for individuals of any age with mental retardation and developmental disabilities has been approved. This amendment will cover services provided under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act concerning HCBS waivers.

Specifically, the State is requesting to change the Financial Manager and Supports Brokerage services from waiver services to administrative costs. In addition, the State is Seeking to clarify the definition of: Behavior Respite Service, Day Service, Environmental Accessibility Modifications, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, Nursing Services, Behavior Services, Nutrition Services, Orientation and Emergency Assistance, and to redefine and revise the provider qualifications for Adult Dental Services. The will additionally reduce the number of unduplicated Recipients for each of the two remaining waiver years from 1500 individuals for both Years to 1077 for year 2 and 1181 for year three.

This waiver is currently effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008. The Amendment will be effective July 1, 2006 as per the States request. The program review for this waiver is due April 20, 2008.

The estimates of unduplicated recipients and average per capita costs of waiver services During the remaining two years of this waiver are shown below.

Current request (original request)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor D</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>
2	1077 (1500)	16,066 (23,306)	17,303,679 (34,959,283)
3	1181 (1500)	26,461 (31,104)	31,250,568 (46,656,783)

We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by your staff during our review of your request. If you have any questions about this letter or need additional information, please telephone Mark Reed of my staff on 410-786-0861 or contact him by e-mail at david.reed@cms.hhs.gov .

Sincerely,

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